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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 3/15/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment attempts to reinstate claim 44, which was canceled by the amendment of 9/24/2003 (See claim listing on p. 3 and affirmative statement that claim 44 is deleted on p. 4.). A claim canceled by amendment may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number (37 CFR 1.121(c)(2)). See 37 CFR 1.111 and MPEP 714.III.3. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Cleveland whose telephone number is (571) 272-1418. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday and alternate Mon, 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive Beck can be reached on (571) 272-1415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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